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To VYSHINSKIJ.

[9 groups unrecovered]

in the matter of the deserters LOBANOV and PIKA [C%]. The text [1 group unrecovered] [C%: "] [4 groups unrecovered] [B% period, new paragraph] [We?] have received information concerning the desertions in the city of PORTLAND (state of OREGON

[18 groups unrecoverable]

. The sailor - fireman first class of the S.S. "ALMA-ATA", Ivan Matveevich PIKA, deserted in the city of PORTLAND 11 November 1944.

The sailor of the Soviet ship "STARYJ BOL'SHEVIK", Aleksandr Fedorovich LOBANOV, born 1909, deserted in the city of PORTLAND 27 December 1944, [4 groups unrecovered] on the S.S. "URAL", on which he was

[12 groups unrecovered]

According to information on hand at the Embassy, both deserters enumerated above were taken into custody by the American police in the city of PORTLAND and, despite the demands of the Soviet consul-general in SAN FRANCISCO that they be turned over to Soviet representatives for sending to the Union of S.S.R., PIKA and LOBANOV were [1 group unidentified] to SEATTLE at the disposal of the American immigration authorities.

On 9 and 22 January 1945 by the counsellor to the Embassy of the U.S.S.R., in WASHINGTON Mr. KAPUSTIN

[47 groups unrecovered]

for sending them

[20 groups unrecoverable]

retreat and

[24 groups unrecovered]

that, according to [1 group unrecovered] information,

[19 groups unrecovered, 61 groups unrecoverable]

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